

## MASS MEETING OF REPUBLICANS

Large and Enthusiastic Outpouring of The G. O. P. at Tazewell on Tuesday When Delegates Were Selected to State and Legislative Conventions.

The Republicans of Tazewell county assembled in mass meeting in the court house at 12 o'clock m., on Tuesday, the 13th instant. John T. Barnes, county chairman, called the meeting to order and called upon R. O. Crockett to preside over the meeting, with Wm. C. Pendleton acting as secretary. J. N. Harman, being requested so to do, explained the object of the meeting. On motion the citizens present organized district meetings and elected delegates to the State convention which is to be held at Newport News on the 28th of this month, and to the convention to be held at Richlands on the 7th of August to nominate a candidate to represent Tazewell and Buchanan counties in the next Legislature. The following were reported as delegates to both conventions:

**JEFFERSONVILLE DISTRICT.**  
J. P. Whitman, H. W. Crockett, Thos. R. McCall, Lee Riley, T. R. Bandy, Chas. Poe, A. R. Beavers, T. E. Hankins, James Hankins, G. M. Graybeal, G. R. Gross, John Peery, W. C. Yost, John D. Daily, F. Thompson, George Stuart Asberry, W. A. Leece, Wm. Clayton, C. A. Leece, J. B. Witten, R. S. Brooks, James W. Brooks, Wm. Hager, W. H. Kelly, B. E. Gilderleeve, E. C. Peery, Lec Hayes, Peel Harman, M. L. Peery, W. L. Britta, Geo. P. Hall, J. S. Gillespie, R. P. Copenhaver, Henry Kincer, Dr. S. C. Bowen, G. W. Lewis, W. L. Moore, T. P. Bowen, J. B. Gillespie, Wm. Nash, Wm. C. Pendleton, James R. Laird, M. J. Hankins, W. G. Harrison, T. C. Bowen, George V. Kelly, G. R. Surface, Shields Harman, W. O. George, H. G. McCall, Chas. Puckett, J. P. Royall, J. B. Caudill, J. Albert Hagy, Chas. T. Patton, R. O. Crockett, Barnes Gillespie, J. N. Harman, Jr., J. A. Crockett, J. D. Gillenwaters, Geo. Harrison.

**MAIDEN SPRING DISTRICT.**  
W. B. Spratt, William Bandy, Max Greenberg, Geo. M. Brown, M. Ziegler, James M. Keyser, Robert Shreve, M. C. McCorkle, T. A. Gillespie, T. A. McGuire, W. C. Witten, H. Ascue, D. Green, C. H. Steele, A. J. Copenhaver, H. Bowen, R. T. Bowen, Jr., O. B. Barnes, R. B. Witten, J. A. Higginsbotham, M. F. Brown, G. W. Miller, A. P. French, W. J. Gillespie, W. O. Barnes, S. R. Gibson, J. A. Hagy, R. B. Gillespie, W. R. Bowen, W. A. Barnes, J. Sanders Gillespie, James Beavers, S. F. Allison, Rufus Altizer, D. C. Lowe, John Wynn, Thomas Harrison, Jno. T. Barnes, Joseph S. Bowen, J. T. Altizer, W. J. Lester, J. N. Russell.

**CLARK FORD DISTRICT.**  
J. S. Browning, H. C. Calloway, E. G. Wagner, H. S. Bowen, J. Floyd Gillespie, H. A. Long, Grat Mustard, Sam L. Matz, J. G. Gillespie, J. P. Cameron, T. R. Smoot, R. L. Gillespie, C. W. Mathews, Harry M. Matz, J. E. Morton, R. C. Willa, R. P. Harman, C. C. Wilson, R. H. Mathews.

On motion the delegates reported by the district meetings were ratified and the same were constituted delegates to both of the said conventions, each delegate to vote a proportionate part of the entire vote accredited to the county, and those delegates attending each of the conventions to cast the entire vote of the county.

The following resolutions were then adopted:

The Republicans of Tazewell county in mass meeting assembled announce

1st. Their continued adherence to the principles and policies of the National Republican party as heretofore set forth in its platforms and exemplified by its administrations.

2nd. We commend and endorse the record of our representative in Congress, the Hon. C. B. Slem, as shown by his untiring effort to secure such economic and other legislation as will insure not only to the benefit of his constituents but for the general welfare of the Nation. And we further congratulate him upon his zealous efforts as State Chairman, which give promise of a triumphant Republican party in Virginia.

On motion the convention then adjourned.

**R. O. CROCKETT,**  
Wm. C. PENDLETON, Chairman.  
Secretary.  
Countersigned, JOHN T. BARNES,  
Wm. C. PENDLETON, Co. Chairman.  
Sec. County Committee.

**Knights Templar.**  
There will be a stated convocation of Clinch Valley Commandery, No. 20, K. T., at Masonic Hall, Main Street, on next Monday night, July 19, at 8 o'clock.

All Sir Knights are urged to be present as there is some important business to come before the body. By order of the Eminent Commander.

W. T. WITTEN, C. G.  
JNO. S. BOTTIMORE, Recorder.

Kodakers should get busy now and work for the prize at the fair this Fall. See the advertisement.

## RUSSELL COUNTY REPUBLICANS

Meet at Lebanon and Elect Delegates to the Newport News Convention.

The Republicans of Russell county met at Lebanon Tuesday, July 13th, for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternates to the State convention at Newport News, Va., also to fix the time and place for holding the county convention to nominate a candidate for representative in the Legislature.

County Chairman Goss called the meeting to order and upon motion Joel R. Campbell was elected temporary chairman, H. A. Routh, secretary and C. A. Honaker, assistant secretary. Upon motion the usual formalities of selecting committees were dispensed with and the work of making up the delegation was proceeded with. Following is a list of delegates and alternates, the names of the delegates appearing first:

**Lebanon District**—G. W. Gilmer, H. A. Routh, Marsh Jemee, J. A. Henritze, W. E. Williams, C. C. Alderson, S. G. Hambrick, Henry Fozelman, Whitley Thomas, V. Jemee, J. R. Campbell, J. H. Fields, J. J. Wallace, Jonas Rasmake, Jim Combow, Chas. Belcher.

**New Garden District**—W. E. Akers, R. E. Hawley, J. H. Meade, Thos. Hubbard, T. K. Wallace, T. M. Call, J. A. McGlothlin, C. W. Failer, E. D. Miller, A. D. Shoemaker, Aaron Russ, Geo. Cook, Thos. Litton, J. E. Davis, J. P. McGlothlin, Simon Dotson.

**Castlewood District**—G. C. Goss, C. C. Phillips, J. P. Speer, R. W. Dickinson, R. C. Meade, J. W. Huff, H. P. Holbrook, T. J. Smith, R. W. Goss, R. S. Goss, E. K. Jemee, C. J. Goss, C. G. Meade, S. A. Fraley, L. L. Banner, C. T. Howard.

**Copper Creek District**—B. H. Salyer, F. Gibson, Hunt Dickenson, Geo. J. Williams, John Wagner, Thos. Johnson, John King, O. J. Salyer, J. N. Burke, R. C. E. Honaker, Arthur Williams, Henry Ring.

**Moccasin District**—T. M. Jemee, J. H. Dickinson, T. E. Campbell, E. Glenn, W. S. Jemee, W. E. Tate.

**Elk Garden District**—R. L. Settle, Bob Taylor, C. E. Taylor, H. F. Wyer, G. B. Johnson, W. E. Campbell.

**Cleveland District**—W. P. Gibson, Jonas Rasmake, G. H. Puckett, G. W. Price.

Delegates-at-Large—J. W. Ketron, Joel R. Campbell.

Motion carried to allow each district double the number of delegates apportioned, each delegate to have one-half vote in the convention.

The following resolutions offered by G. B. Johnson, were adopted:

1st. We heartily endorse the admirable course taken by Wm. H. Taft our President, in seeking to unite this nation into one family of brotherhood, of love and good will; recognizing no section, giving to all a broad and liberal participation in the affairs of this government.

2nd. We heartily endorse and commend the services rendered our party by C. Bascom Slem, our State Chairman, and his services and course taken in Congress in the interest of all the people of his district, recognizing in him a public servant, of the people, by the people and for the people; and we earnestly believe that if he could be induced to accept the nomination for Governor of this grand old State, that he would be elected by an overwhelming majority.

3rd. We endorse and commend our county chairman, G. C. Goss, for the faithful services rendered our party and commend his course in the conduct of the affairs of our party. And we heartily endorse our representative, Wm. Griffith, in the discharge of his duties as a member of the Legislature.

Castlewood was selected as the place to hold the county convention and the date, August 14th, 1909.

Each Magisterial District will hold mass meetings on August 7th, for the purpose of selecting delegates to above convention at the following places:

New Garden District—Honaker.  
Cleveland District—Cleveland.  
Lebanon District—Lebanon.  
Elk Garden District—Denison Chapel.  
Copper Creek District—Williams' Store.  
Castlewood District—Mud Store.  
Moccasin District—Jemee's Store.

Motion was made and carried that the proceedings of this mass meeting be furnished the Tazewell Republican for publication.

JOEL R. CAMPBELL, Chairman.  
C. A. HONAKER, Asst Sec'y.

## New Trial for Elijah Wright.

Elijah Wright, now confined in the Dickenson county jail under sentence of death, has been granted a new trial by the Virginia Court of Appeals, and it is now predicted that the second inquisition will result in nothing worse than a penitentiary sentence. Wright, who several months ago killed one William Cyphers at a corn shucking in Dickenson county, had a sort of quasi-greatness thrust upon him through the fact that the newspapers frequently proclaimed him as the last man who would die by the gibbet in Virginia. The homicide was committed just before the new law doing away with hanging and substituting the electric chair went into effect, and this change made it an accepted fact that Wright would be the last victim of the hangman's noose in Virginia. But it now seems to be a common belief that he will escape the death penalty altogether, as nothing more than a second degree or manslaughter verdict is expected at the second trial.

## WISE INSTRUCTS FOR GILLESPIE.

Republican Delegation From That County Goes to State Convention at Newport News Pledged to Nomination of Tazewell Man.

Norton, Va., July 12.—The Republicans of Wise county met in convention at Wise today and elected delegates to the State convention to be held at Newport News for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Governor. The Wise Republicans instructed their delegates to vote for the Hon. A. P. Gillespie, of Tazewell, for the nomination of Governor.

## BRISTOL VOTES WET.

Anti-Prohibitionists Win After Spirited Fight By Majority of Thirty-Two.

In the fiercest election contest ever witnessed the voters of Bristol, Va., on last Thursday decided by a majority of thirty-two out of a total vote of 845 to again license the open saloon.

Filled with dramatic interest and excitement the opposing forces fought bitterly from the opening of the polls in the early morning until the last ballot had been deposited late in the afternoon, and no opportunity to gain a vantage point over their competitors was allowed to pass by either side. Although rain fell incessantly throughout the day men, women and children all kept up the struggle as though their very existence hinged on the outcome of the contest and refused to be driven to shelter by the storm. For two weeks the temperance people had fought like Trojans, realizing their cause was in danger, and had brought to their assistance many of the most noted temperance workers to be found in the South. The saloon people, on the other hand, conducted a quiet campaign and at no time did they engage in any controversy whatever with those favoring the cause of temperance. They kept constantly before the people the idea that Bristol would be made a great supply center for the vast prohibition territory of Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi, and that in addition to \$100,000 in license revenue to the city there would come to Bristol annually from the trade millions of dollars. That the majority of the voters in the city believed the arguments set up by the wets is evidenced by the result of the election. The temperance forces have given notice that they will contest the election. In the meantime the whiskey people are making preparations to resume business.

Following the announcement of the election result in Bristol, the Rev. Dr. James Cannon, Jr., superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League in Virginia, gave out the following which bears the caption, "Bristol's 400 Unpurchasable Voters":

"The 401 men of the city of Bristol, Va., who voted the 'dry' ticket on Thursday deserve the praise and the sympathy of the temperance people of the nation in their hour of trial. They made a glorious fight. They were confronted with conditions such as have rarely confronted the voters of any city. Every voter in the city was tempted by direct or indirect bribes of one kind or another. It was made known that if the city voted 'wet' it would be made a distributing point for an immense territory. This would bring a large number of shipping houses to the city, which would bring a great sum into the city treasury, far more than the usual license receipts. An option had been taken by the liquor people on every available building at a very high rate of rent, which was a bribe to the owners of said buildings. The opening of these houses would bring many men with large means to the city, and would give employment to a great many people.

"These were all indirect bribes. And in addition to these things, every man who would sell his vote could get more hard cash for it than in any election ever held in Virginia.

"The liquor interests had representatives from various cities, who had at their command all the money that they could use. 'Money' is the word that explains the result in Bristol. The city is disgraced that it yielded to the bribes and sold itself to become a distributing center, not of learning, light and life, but of drunkenness, insanity, murder and damnation. But it has in it 400 men who cannot be bought, and like the men of Danville, they will not rest till Bristol is once more redeemed.

"The election had absolutely no political significance. It is probable that it will greatly hasten the demand in Southwest Virginia for a vote on State-wide prohibition.

"JAMES CANNON, JR.,  
Superintendent Virginia Anti-Saloon League."

## DR. CROCKETT PASSES AWAY

After a Lingering Illness This Prominent Physician Died on Tuesday Afternoon.

Dr. J. H. Crockett, for twenty-five years a practicing physician in this county and town, died at his home here on Tuesday afternoon at 3:40 o'clock. He had for several years been in delicate health, but until a few weeks ago had continued in the active practice of his profession.

Dr. Crockett was fifty-six years old in last month. He was the son of the late Addison Crockett, and was born and reared at the place where Wm. E. Peery, Jr., now lives near Five Oaks, and three miles northeast of Tazewell. As a boy and youth he was of a very delicate constitution, but studied medicine and graduated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Md., about twenty-five years ago. He first practiced at the head of Clear Fork. From there he went to Burkes Garden, thence to Graham, and from the latter place to Tazewell where he located about ten years ago and where he has since engaged in a large and lucrative practice. Some eighteen months ago he formed a partnership with Dr. Samuel C. Bowen. They have not only had a large practice, but have been conducting the hospital formerly conducted by Dr. R. B. Gillespie.

About twenty-five years ago he was married to Miss Ella Peery, by whom he has survived, also by one son, J. H. Crockett, Jr., and two daughters, Misses Georgia and Bessie Crockett. For a number of years he had been a member of the Lutheran Church. He was also a Mason, being a member of Tazewell Lodge, of O'Keeffe Royal Arch Chapter and Clinch Valley Commandery Knights Templar. Two brothers, E. King Crockett, of Tazewell county, and R. A. Crockett, of Stanbury, Mo., survive him, and also two sisters, Mrs. Shell Mustard, of Bland county, Va., and Mrs. R. H. Bailey, of Bluefield, W. Va.

Dr. Crockett was very highly esteemed as a physician and citizen, and his death is deeply regretted by a large circle of relatives and friends. Funeral services were held this afternoon at 1 o'clock at the residence of the deceased after which interment was made in the new cemetery, the Masonic fraternity having charge of the burial. A large crowd of relatives and friends attended the services and burial.

## PASSES HOUSE BY LARGE VOTE.

Only Fourteen Votes Against Income Tax Resolution—Vote Stood 317 to 14.

Washington, July 12.—It is now up to the Legislatures of the several States to say whether there shall be an income tax amendment to the Constitution.

By the decisive vote of 317 to 14, more than the necessary two-thirds, the House today passed the Senate joint resolution providing for the submission of the question to the States. No amendment having been made to the resolution, it now goes to the President for his signature.

## THE ARSENIC MINES.

Machinery Installed and Shipments Soon to Begin.

Christiansburg, Va., July 13.—Gen. Jacob S. Coxey, of Massillon, Ohio, left yesterday for Washington and other Northern cities on business connected with the Brinton Arsenic Mines Company, which are located near this point, and are the only mines of the kind in the United States, and in which General Coxey is largely interested. Expensive machinery has been installed and shipping of arsenic will begin at once.

## Will Buy a Virginia Home.

A special dispatch from Big Stone Gap, Va., to the Washington Herald says that Mme. Fritz Scheff, the comic opera star, and wife of John Fox, Jr., the noted novelist, is to become a property holder in the mountains of Southwest Virginia. She is said to be negotiating for the purchase of Poplar Hill Reservation, a valuable tract on a slight eminence overlooking Big Stone Gap.

Mme. Scheff, who is spending the summer with her husband at the Gap, has been so captivated by the scenery of that section that she persuaded her mother, Mme. Jaeger, a singer in the royal opera, Berlin, Germany, to come there to spend her summer's vacation.

## Two Land Deals.

On last Monday two deals were made of land lying on the Liberty Hill road west of Tazewell. Mr. J. G. Bundy became the purchaser of the farm of Mrs. Ann Eliza Witten at the price of \$23,500. Mr. Bundy sold his boundary, eight miles west of town, known as the Spratt land, for the sum of \$11,000 to Jos. S. and A. P. Gillespie.

Lowney's Candy—just received—at Jackson's.

## LARGE TIMBER DEAL CLOSED

Prominent Capitalists Take Over Property Of The Yellow Poplar Lumber Company And Many Individual Tracts of Timber Lands in Tazewell and Buchanan Counties at Fancy Price.

About three weeks ago it was stated in the columns of this paper that negotiations were said to be pending between the Yellow Poplar Lumber Company and the Ritter Lumber Company, whereby the latter sought to purchase the mills and timber leases of the first mentioned concern, but at that time none of the particulars concerning the proposed deal could be procured for publication. Since then, however, much has been learned of the negotiations and it can be stated with absolute correctness that only a few intricate details remain to be adjusted before the titles conveying the various properties will have been perfected. Besides the mills, timber leases, etc., belonging to the Yellow Poplar Company, the purchasing syndicate becomes the owners of several thousand acres of the most valuable individual tracts of timber land to be found in Buchanan county or anywhere in the Southwest for that matter.

That this deal will have an important bearing on the future development of Tazewell and Buchanan counties, is evidenced by the fact that the deeds conveying the individual tracts of timber acquired by the purchasers of the Yellow Poplar Company's interests, specify that a standard-gauge railroad shall be built through the same, which will be done, the road running from Doran, in this county, to Whitewood, in Buchanan county, a distance of fourteen miles.

It may be said, however, that the Ritter Lumber Company was in no way connected with the transaction, the purchasing syndicate being composed of five well-known capitalists, one from Virginia and four from West Virginia, but whose names we are not now authorized to make known. The accounts that have been published heretofore as to the amount of property acquired and the sum paid therefor have been very greatly exaggerated.

## S. W. VIRGINIA NEWS ITEMS.

WHAT HAS RECENTLY TRANSPIRED IN THE COUNTIES OF THIS SECTION.

Mr. Robert Robinett, a highly respected citizen of Clear Fork, Bland county, died suddenly on last Saturday afternoon. He was in the field ploughing corn when he suddenly dropped dead. Mr. Robinett was about sixty years old, a prosperous farmer and was held in high esteem in the community where he lived.

The Republicans of Lee county met in convention at Jonesville on last Saturday and instructed for ex-Senator John C. Noel of that county for Governor. Senator Noel is an exceedingly popular and able man, and should it fall to his lot to lead the Republican hosts in Virginia this year, he will make matters interesting for his Democratic opponent.

Mr. John J. Kelly, Sr., one of the most popular citizens of Lee county, died at his home on last Wednesday, aged 88 years. He was the father of Mr. I. N. Kelly, of Big Stone Gap, and Mr. J. J. Kelly, Jr., of Wise, Va., and was well known. His death was occasioned by old age, though it was comparatively good up to a short time before his death. He was a conscientious Christian gentleman and much loved by all who knew him.

R. J. Faust, Jr., president, and E. C. Mainous, cashier, of the First National Bank of Appalachia, which began business at that place a few months ago, have tendered their resignations, effective today, the 15th. Mr. Faust goes back to Pennsylvania, where he will be connected with a very strong financial institution in Philadelphia. Mr. Mainous will be associated with a large coal land company, and will spend much of his time in eastern Kentucky. E. J. Prescott will succeed Mr. Faust as president, and George Jenkins, present cashier of the Citizens' Bank of Norton, will succeed Mr. Mainous as cashier.

The temperance people of Bristol are still silent as to what course they will pursue with regard to contesting the result of the recent local option election in that city. They are searching for evidence, but it is said that unless they get what appears to be evidence of a plain case of irregularities and law violations, they are not likely to make a contest. About one hundred applications for license have been filed, but no action in the matter of granting them will be taken until the first week in August at which time it is expected that an excise commission will be appointed to handle all applications for license.

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## Items From Shack Mills.

Prosperity is supreme in Buchanan at present. Sheep buyers, cattle traders, coal magnets and lumber kings galore throughout the county, and everything seems to be on the boom. It is reported that the Yellow Poplar Lumber Company has optioned its entire stock of timber, land, logs and machinery to the Ritter Lumber Company, and the same company has an option on all the large tracts of land on Dismal, and a standard gauge railroad will probably be built from Doran to Whitewood a distance of 12 miles.

The Republicans will hold their mass meeting at the court house on next Saturday, the 17th. They will name delegates to the State and district convention and will try and choose from among their host a suitable man for the lower house of the General Assembly. Among those spoken of are: Glenn Ratliff, John A. Cook, John M. Ratliff, L. W. Compton and Sam Hurley. The meeting bids fair to be one of interest as the county organization is divided into three different factions, and each faction wants to have its man endorsed before going to the Richlands convention. The Democrats are urging Floyd McClanahan, of Grundy, to accept the honor of an overwhelming defeat on the minority side of the question at issue.

Since our last letter to the Republican Judge Mann and Mr. Tucker have been hammering away on their interesting campaign, and the writer is made to wonder whether or not Mr. Tucker or Mr. Mann will, after their defeat in the primary, (and one must be defeated) write their supporters to vote for the other man. If they are not fit to be chosen in the Democratic primary they are not fit to be chosen in the November election as the chief executive of Virginia.

J. Thompson Brown has recently

come into limelight by telling what has been known by many people for years. Let him continue to tell, and may he accomplish something good by it.

The silent Senator who heads the State ring has named a full ticket. He wants Mann in the Governor's chair; he would like to have Swanson in Daniel's place, and Rhea in Chief Fuller's place. If Brown has spoken the truth Koerner ought to be in E. F. Morgan's place. The State Board of Education helped the Republicans considerably by furnishing them ammunition for their campaign. Their recent acts are sufficient to defeat the entire Democratic ticket in November, and it would be a great thing for Virginia if the whole crew was defeated and the Republicans were supreme in Virginia for a few years.

July 12, 1909.

The Board of Control seems to be getting even with the Town Council of Charleston, W. Va., with a vengeance. Recently the council, which is dry, refused to re-grant license to the saloons doing business in that city, thereby depriving the town of an immense revenue without providing any means for supplying the deficiency which this loss necessarily brought about in the city treasury. Now to even up matters with the council, the board has discharged almost the entire police force and ordered every street light in the city turned off and threaten still more drastic measures to bring the expenditures within the city's income.

The Tazewell and Princeton baseball teams crossed bats on the ground of the latter team on Friday and Saturday last in two prettily played games. The first game was won by Princeton, the score being 7 to 3, while Tazewell was victorious in the second by a score of 7 to 5.

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